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1. General Roberto Viaux-Maramba continues to be the leader of the opposition plotting to overthrow the government of Salvador Allende. The General is maintaining communications with his followers through his lawyer, Pablo Rodriguez. Viaux's sentence is now under review and it is expected that his sentence will at least be reduced.
2. Another coup attempt was foiled in September 1972. The "September Program" was planned to divide the country into eight regions to stop the movement of supplies and goods. The Navy was to stop sea shipments of food supplies. Argentina was to halt export of meat and food to Chile. Students were to demonstrate and create disturbances. The students were apparently successful although the other actions did not take place. The idea was to halt nationwide distribution of food and force the Army to take over from the government.
3. The plot failed because details of the plan reached the government. First General Alfredo Canales briefed a group of Admirals on the plan. Then Admiral (RNU) Justiniano went to General Carlos Prats, the Commander of the Army, with the plans following which General Canales was forced to resign. General Prats has repeatedly refused to participate in any plot to overthrow the government. However, General Canales is continuing to work with General Viaux.
4. In addition to the "September Program" there is an "October Program" and a "November Program". If these fail, other plans will be made.

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5. Opposition civilians, under the leadership of Pablo Rodriguez, have continued to organize without regard to political affiliation. They are organized by blocks. They contribute eight hours per day, in addition to their regular work, to guard apartments and homes, and for training purposes. Even women and children are being trained in first-aid, self-defense, use of weapons, how to make Molotov cocktails, etc. The children wear different colored arm-bands to identify their functions, i.e., communications, medical supplies, etc. They are also training people to operate utilities and public transportation in the event of a takeover. Economic assistance and weapons such as machine guns and hand-grenades are being received from Brazil.
6. Lawlessness is widespread. Break-ins and robberies are a common occurrence. Cars are being stolen and stripped, kidnappings and beatings take place in busy markets during daylight. When travelling, notification is made by telephone so that a delay in arrival will be noted. The police observe these events but will not take action.
7. The property of the opposition wealthy is being re-evaluated upward in order to increase taxes. Utility costs have been increased on a selective basis. Many economic pressures are being applied to extract money from the opposition.
8. Without outside economic assistance, it is feared that all opposition radios and newspapers will be closed. The government has withdrawn all advertising and firms and individuals that previously supported the media can no longer afford to. The government is attempting to bankrupt the largest manufacturer of newsprint. Workers are pooling their resources to buy stock in an attempt to prevent the government from gaining control.
9. Judges who were previously afraid to rule against the government on land and business takeovers are now following the letter of the law and ruling that industries be returned to their owners. The government is not respecting these judgments.
10. There continues to be a shortage of food items such as meat, chicken, sugar, and butter. Children's shoes cannot be had. Lines for the purchase of food start at 0400 and extend for blocks.

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